

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid-smoke-impregnated, tubular, single-layer or multilayered food casing comprising a single-layer which is based on polyamide and/or copolyamide, or ~~has comprising~~ an inner layer based on polyamide and/or copolyamide, the casing exhibiting a water vapor permeability of less than $30 \text{ g/m}^2 \text{ d}$, and the inside of the casing ~~has having~~ a surface tension of greater than 28 dyn/cm^2 , ~~and wherein~~ the casing is impregnated on the inside with liquid smoke, but not with an additional browning agent.
2. (Currently Amended) The food casing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface tension of the inside is $35 \text{ to } 45 \text{ dyn/cm}^2$ [[,]] ~~preferably about 40 dyn/cm^2 .~~
3. (Currently Amended) The food casing as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the casing or the polyamide inner layer of the casing has a swelling value of at least 5% [[,]] ~~preferably $8 \text{ to } 100 \%$ [[,]] particularly preferably $10 \text{ to } 75 \%$ [[,]] in each case~~ at 23°C .
4. (Currently Amended) The food casing as claimed in ~~one or more of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 3~~, wherein ~~its~~ the water vapor permeability of said food casing is $3 \text{ to } 25 \text{ g/m}^2 \text{ d}$.
5. (Currently Amended) The food casing as claimed in ~~one or more of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 4~~, wherein ~~it~~ said food casing is seamless.
6. (Currently Amended) The food casing as claimed in ~~one or more of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 5~~, wherein ~~it~~ said food casing is biaxially oriented and heat set or blown.

7. (Currently Amended) The food casing as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~it~~ said food casing is biaxially oriented and has a residual shrinkage of less than 20 % in the longitudinal and transverse directions.
8. (Currently Amended) The food casing as claimed in ~~one or more of claim[[s]] 1 to 7,~~ wherein ~~it~~ said food casing is corona-treated on the inside.
9. (Currently Amended) The food casing as claimed in ~~one or more of claim[[s]] 1 to 8,~~ wherein the food casing is single-layered and the thickness of the single-layered casing is 20 to 130 μm .
10. (Currently Amended) The food casing as claimed in ~~one or more of claim[[s]] 1 to 8,~~ wherein the food casing is multilayered and the thickness of the polyamide inner layer of the multilayered casing is 15 to 70 μm .
11. (Currently Amended) The use of the food casing as claimed in ~~one or more of claim[[s]] 1 to 10 as artificial sausage casing[[,]] in particular for scalded emulsion sausage[[,]] cooked meat sausage[[,]] or raw sausage.~~
12. (New) An artificial sausage casing as claimed in claim 11, wherein said artificial sausage casing is a scalded-emulsion sausage, cooked-meat sausage or raw sausage casing.